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PSC TO HOLD ON-THE-RECORD PRESENTATION IN MISSOURI GAS ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE REQUEST

Jefferson City (January 28, 2004)--The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold an on-the-record presentation on **March 11, 2004**, in a case filed by Missouri Gas Energy. Parties in this case will be available for Commissioner questions regarding a request filed by Missouri Gas Energy to place an infrastructure system replacement surcharge on the natural gas bills of its customers.

The on-the-record presentation will be held in the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street) in Jefferson City. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this presentation, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the on-the-record presentation.

On December 3, 2003, Missouri Gas Energy filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to place an infrastructure system replacement surcharge on the natural gas bills of its customers. This case is separate from the natural gas rate case filed by Missouri Gas Energy on November 4, 2003.

Under legislation enacted in 2003 (HB 208), natural gas companies under PSC jurisdiction can petition the Commission to establish an infrastructure system replacement surcharge. Under the new law, the Commission must act on the request within 120 days. If the request complies with the law, the surcharge is allowed to take effect.

According to Missouri Gas Energy's application, they are proposing an infrastructure replacement surcharge of 58 cents a month on customer bills.

By state law, the Commission must act of Missouri Gas Energy's application by April 1, 2004.

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